

American Citizen Services Unit U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo Warden Message



TO: Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

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SUBJECT: OAS General Assembly meeting in Santo Domingo

The United States Embassy informs American Citizens in the Dominican Republic that the Organization of American States General Assembly meeting will be held in Santo Domingo from June 4 - 6, 2006. Most events will take place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and traffic is expected to be very heavy. The Foreign Ministry has announced that most streets and avenues around the Foreign Ministry and Hotel Santo Domingo would be closed beginning this weekend and through the duration of the summit. It further stated that people should avoid the Malecon, Avenida Independencia and southern part of Avenida Lincoln during this weekend. Prior international summits of this nature have included demonstrations by individuals or groups. We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Americans living or traveling in the Dominican Republic are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, https://travelregistration.state.gov. American citizens who have previously registered with the U.S. Embassy do not need to register again.

For updated information on the security situation in the Dominican Republic, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-

4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.

Updated information on travel in Santo Domingo may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. For further information please consult the Consular Information Sheet for Santo Domingo, which is available via the Internet at http://travel.state.gov.